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Subject: GLYPHOSATE NSRL

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Dear OEHHA,

We are not taking this issue far enough or serious enough. There has been hundreds of studies linked to Glyphosate related illness.

2 years ago, if you had asked me I would have told you the revolt against RoundUp and GMOs was some kind of hippie vegan fad garbage.

In 2016, I developed an intolerance to wheat, corn, eggs, peanuts and cashews. I do not have ANY FOOD ALLERGIES. I have to stay on a restrictive diet that stays as close to organic as I can so my body might have the opportunity to repair itself. A syndrome called Leaky Gut developed where I was sick due to the naturally irritating ingredients in wheat and the massive amounts of RoundUp used in the junk food and the non-organic food I ate. I had depression because the bacteria which produce the necessary neurotransmitters were killed off by RoundUp in my gut. That in turn also disrupted my digestion where I had diarrhea up to six times a day and could not be far from any restroom. I developed fibromyalgia, psoriasis across my face, foggy brain, blurry vision, poor memory and concentration, constant nausea, frequent headaches, worsened arthritis, worsened asthma, worsened sinus problems and persistent abdominal bloating and pain. I had missed many months of work and pay due to this chemical and only retrieved a fraction of my salary through the SDI CA dept. These symptoms have been seen in others worldwide who also ingested glyphosate through wheat and many other products and became very ill. The medical community such as UCLA and even Cedars Sinai do not take us for our word yet that our symptoms are real or life threatening.

We need Glyphosate labels on food so we can avoid them. Because those of us in the minority with auto-immune inflammatory diseases that are aggravated by this terrible chemical, already know the harmful dangers of this product. You may not be convinced that this chemical causes multiple kinds of cancers due to its increased usage. But I already have enough anecdotal data to prove to myself that Monsanto and its products need to be kept in check with independent FDA testing and not these corrupt institutions which hold a veil of lies in front of us as they kill us with their greed and lack of conscience.

Glyphosate is a systemic compound which binds itself to every single cell in an organism.....from the roots to the tips of the leaves.....from your toes to your brain cells. Glyphosate has found its way into our water, our meats, our produce, bovine milk, human milk, honey, soy, corn, wheat and sugar. It has rendered soil as well as men and women infertile.

I beg you to consider watching these 2 videos which convey the seriousness of this issue. This is not junk data like that promoted by the chemical companies:

http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2013/06/09/monsanto-roundup-herbicide.aspx

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdDyMe9ohnM

If you have actually read my opinion about the Glyphosate hearing, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration. I am sorry I missed the opportunity to witness the proceedings in person.

Sincerely,

Michael James Batridge